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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT OF DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR FAA
- AND MAC CHARTER FLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE HAS ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENT OF DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR FAA AND MAC CHARTER FLIGHTS. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE HERNANDO TO DISCARD REQUIREMENTS. END SUMMARY
 2. ON JUNE 22, 1978 THE 13THAF AIR DEFENSE UNIT RECEIVED TWO HANDWRITTEN NOTES ON A SCRATCH PAD "FROM THE DESK OF COL SEVERO P. HERNANDO, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, HEAD-QUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION, PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE". ONE
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NOTE DEALS WITH FAA AND READS QUOTE PLEASE ADVISE FAA TOKYO AND MR. SAM LEE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY, MANILA THAT EFF AS OF THIS DATE REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE SHALL NOW BE COURSED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE UNQUOTE. OTHER NOTE DEALING WITH MAC CHARTER AIRCRAFT READS QUOTE PLEASE ADVISE CAPT HUGH L MILLER, USAF

AIRLIFT CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION THAT EFF 1 JULY 1978,
ALL REQUESTS FOR MAC CHARTER FLTS TERMINATING OR
ORIGINATING AT CLARK AB, SHALL HENCEFORTH BE COURSED
THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR ISSUANCE OF
APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE. UNQUOTE

3. FAA ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN FIRST NOTE REFERS TO FAA
GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT BASED OUT OF COUNTRY FLOWN BY US GOVERN
MENT EMPLOYEES TO CALIBRATE NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTATION
AT CLARK AND SUBIC. SUCH FLIGHTS MAY ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY
ONE TO THREE TIMES A MONTH DEPENDING ON OPERATIONAL NEEDS
AND ARE SOMETIMES GENERATED ON SHORT NOTICE TO MAKE RE-
QUIRED CHECKS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS MALFUNCTIONED.

4. MAC CHARTER FLIGHTS REFER TO COMMERCIAL AIRLINES
(AT PRESENT LARGELY TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE) UNDER
CONTRACT WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TRANSPORT EXCLUSIVELY
MILITARY PERSONNEL, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS TO
AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES. DEPENDING ON SEASONAL AND
OTHER REQUIREMENTS SUCH FLIGHTS ARE MADE FROM 10 - 16
TIMES MONTHLY. FLIGHTS UNDER MAC CHARTER DO NOT ENGAGE
IN ANY OTHER COMMERCE.

5. COMMENT: IDENTICAL ISSUES WERE RAISED BY RP IN 1975
WITH RESPECT TO MAC CHARTERS AND IN 1977 WITH RESPECT TO
FAA FLIGHTS. FOLLOWING INTENSIVE EFFORTS, BOTH ISSUES
WERE EVENTUALLY WORKED OUT. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO
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ASCERTAIN MOTIVATION FOR HERNANDO'S NOTES AND TO WORK
OUT AGREEABLE SOLUTION ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE EVEN MORE
DIFFICULT THAN IN THE PAST. WE NOW HAVE APPOINTMENT
FOR JUNE 27. MURPHY

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